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**Weekly Police Blotter**  
*10/10/2022 – 10/17/2022*

\*The below captions are a summary of significant police responses during the listed week. The blotter does not include all calls for service attended to by the Rochelle Park Police Department.

- **10/10/22 6:18 PM, (Assist Other Agency)**  
Officers were dispatched to a Somerville Street address to assist Teaneck Police in locating a wanted person. The person was not present; however, valuable information was obtained and the party turned himself in the following day.
- **10/11/22 2:15 AM, (Narcotics Arrest)**  
Patrol conducted a motor vehicle stop on a Nissan sedan. The stop led to a K-9 sweep conducted by the Maywood Police K-9 Unit. After a positive indication, officers located drug paraphernalia including multiple “crack pipes” and a digital scale with a white residue. The 57-year-old male driver was arrested, charged, and released pending a future court date.
- **10/11/22 7:18 AM, (Welfare Check)**  
Officers were dispatched to Grove Avenue for a report of a male screaming in the roadway. The male was located and found to be upset about his internet bandwidth. The party was advised to consult with his internet provider regarding his complaint.
- **10/11/22 12:47 PM, (Breach of Peace)**  
Patrol received a report of an argument at a Route 17 North business. The disagreement between a store employee and a customer was settled by police, all parties were satisfied.
- **10/12/22 08:35 AM, (Adult Arrest)**  
Patrol Officers were flagged down by a motorist on West Passaic Street. The driver was found to work for a ride share business, and wanted to report a passenger refusing to exit his vehicle. A computer check of the 45 year old female passenger revealed an open NCIC warrant issued by the Essex County Sheriff’s Department. An additional search, incident to arrest, uncovered a “crack

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pipe”, and a baggie of suspected crack/cocaine. The female was arrested, charged, and turned over to the Essex County Sheriffs.

- **10/12/2022 8:29 PM, (Breach of Peace)**  
Officers were dispatched to a Route 17 North restaurant, for a disturbance. They were met by the manager who reported a recently terminated employee refused to leave the premise. Officers spoke with the former employee and he agreed to leave peacefully.
- **10/13/2022 12:24 AM, (Assist Other Department)**  
Patrol assisted Paramus Police with the apprehension of vehicle theft suspects. The fleeing suspects were arrested on Paramus Road. Officers assisted with prisoner transportation and traffic direction until the crime scene was released.
- **10/13/2022 1:55 PM, (Road Hazard)**  
A resident walked into headquarters and reported a cement spill on Berdan Street. Contact was made with the construction manager and the site was cleaned.
- **10/13/2022 11:124 PM, (Breach of Peace)**  
A West Passaic Street restaurant reported a patron was threatening other customers. Patrol located the individual, a visitor of a local hotel. The intoxicated male subject was advised he is not to return to the restaurant. The male agreed and returned to his hotel room.
- **10/14/2022 8:01 AM, (Suspicious Person)**  
Officers received a report of a male running across Route 17 with his pants dropped to his ankles. Responding Officers located a 28-year-old male in the restroom of a Rt. 17 gas station. The male, suffering from an altered mental state, was committed to a local hospital for evaluation.
- **10/14/2022 3:31 PM, (Shoplifting, Adult Arrest)**  
A Rochelle Avenue liquor store owner reported a shoplifting just occurred. The complainant filmed the event with his cell phone. Two bottles of costly liquor were stolen. Responding Officers reviewed video footage and were able to identify the actor, a 45-year-old male. A criminal complaint summons was issued and mailed to the actors’ last known address.

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- **10/14/2022 9:28 PM, (Domestic Dispute)**  
Officers were dispatched to Parkway for a domestic disturbance. The ensuing investigation led to the arrest of a female party for assault. The arrestee was charged and released.
- **10/15/2022 12:23 AM, (Breach of Peace)**  
Patrol was dispatched to Parkway for an argument in the street. Responding officers found that one of the involved left the scene prior to arrival. The verbal dispute ended, all units returned to service.
- **10/15/2022 2:02 AM, (DWI Arrest)**  
Patrol located a VW Jetta idling in a Rochelle Avenue parking lot. Upon speaking to the driver, Officers believed the 33-year-old male driver was under the influence of an intoxicating substance. The driver was arrested and charged with driving under a suspected narcotic. He was released to the custody of a friend.
- **10/16/2022 12:51 AM, (DWI Arrest)**  
Patrol located a vehicle parking between two businesses on Route 17 South. Officers observed the vehicle running, a bottle of urine in the center cupholders, and the drivers' pants unzipped. Further investigation, including field sobriety tests, led to the arrest of the 54-year-old male driver for driving under the influence. He was charged and released to a family member.
- **10/16/2022 2:09 PM, (Breach of Peace)**  
Patrol was dispatched to Essex Street for a dispute at a business. Officers spoke to all involved parties and advised as to how each could seek civilian complaints.
- **10/16/2022 6:13 PM, (Burglary to Auto)**  
A motorist reported that his vehicle was entered while he patronized a Route 17 North business. Electronics and jewelry were reported to be stolen from the vehicle. The vehicle was left unlocked and running. Detectives are reviewing surveillance video in an attempt to locate a suspect(s).

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- **10/17/2022 10:17 AM, (Fraud)**

A resident reported being the victim of a potential fraud. She was contacted via Facebook Messenger by a party claiming to be a United Nations doctor in Yemen. The victim was requested to purchase Apple Gift Cards as a way of aiding the doctor. Officers are working to recover lost funds.

\*A charge is not a conviction. All persons are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.